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## JUDGE HANNAH

### Appointed Judge of the Court of Appeals.

### Vacancy Caused by the Resignation of Judge Lassing Filled by Our Circuit Judge.

Judge John M. Lassing has resigned his position as a Judge of the Court of Appeals and Judge J. B. Hannah, of Elliott-co., has been appointed to fill the vacancy. The changes became effective at once. Judge Lassing retired Monday and Judge Hannah has already gone to Frankfort to take up his duties on the Appellate bench.

The appointment of Judge Hannah makes a vacancy in this judicial district and it is said that Judge M. M. Redwine, of Elliott, is to be appointed to fill this vacancy.

While there is general regret over the loss of Judge Hannah from this district, his many friends are pleased with his promotion. He is an excellent lawyer and a man of the highest integrity. As Appellate Judge he will serve the State faithfully and well.

The appointment of Circuit Judge is expected to be made within the next few days.

The two appointments will be good for two years each.

LATER:—Judge M. M. Redwine has been appointed Circuit Judge of this district. He has served in this office a short term before by appointment, and will therefore enter upon his duties with the advantage of experience. He also served many years as Commonwealth's Attorney, and has numerous friends who are glad to see him back in the harness.

### WILD RIDE ON FREIGHT TRAIN.

Samuel Eli, formerly a prosperous and well known citizen of Paintsville, Johnson county, escaped from the Eastern Kentucky Hospital for the Insane here Saturday night shortly after dark and took a wild ride on a fast C. and O. freight train to Winchester.

He seated himself on the "running board" on the front of the engine, apparently as comfortable there as if he had been at home in a chair. He was seen by the engineer and fireman. The Lexington police, when notified of Eli's escape, and told that he might try to ride on a freight train, telephoned to the Winchester officers and they were on the alert.

Eli was committed to the hospital several months ago, and is perfectly rational except at times he suffers brain storms, and it is said he seldom stops until he is many miles from where he started. He is a well known citizen of Johnson county and has been very prosperous, until his mind became affected. —Lexington Leader.

### BIG GATHERING OF RED MEN.

The district meeting of the I. O. R. M. will be held in Louisa Monday, Sept. 22, in the auditorium of the Kentucky Normal College. All the tribes in Boyd, Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, McGoffin, Floyd, Pike, Letcher and Lewis counties will be represented at this meeting. It will be presided over by Great Sachem Chas. D. Davis, of Louisville Ky. Other great chiefs of the State will be present.

It confers quite an honor upon any city to have it selected as the place of holding this annual meeting of the Chiefs in the district. The one to be held on Monday next will be the first of the kind ever held in Louisa, and local "Big Indians" are looking forward to it with much interest.

### B. M. L.

Tuesday night, September 23, is the regular meeting time of the Business Men's League. There is much to be considered if the members will get together.

### Kentucky School For The Deaf.

Mr. George McClure, the principal instructor in the Kentucky School for the Deaf Danville, was here over Sunday last, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Martha McClure. He stopped here on his way to the upper Big Sandy counties, where he goes annually to gather up the pupils who have been spending the summer recess at home and to get boys and girls who go to the school for the first time. The per cent of pupils from Eastern Kentucky at the State Institution is large, and as the work of developing the mountainous section goes on the number grows larger. Many children in the heretofore remote and almost inaccessible regions have benefited for years with ear diseases which because of the difficulty in securing proper attention, have increased in severity until total deafness has resulted. This condition is the cause of the comparatively large number of Eastern Kentucky children in the Danville school, which is a model of institutions of the kind.

### FOURTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION.

The Ky. State Sunday School Association will hold its 48th State Convention in Louisville Oct. 7-10. Preparations have been made which will insure the meeting to be the greatest of its kind ever held in the State. The ablest men and women in the army of Sunday School Workers will be present to present the various phases of the cause in the most interesting way. The railroad rate is one fare plus 25c. for the round trip. You ought to go.

## HON. JOHN McDYER.

### Read What An Exchange Says About Our Candidate for Representative.

We clip the following from the Portsmouth Daily Blade:

"Hon. John McDyer, democratic nominee for representative in the counties of Boyd and Lawrence, Ky. and one of the most skilled civil engineers in America, was a business visitor in the Peerless city yesterday afternoon. Mr. McDyer has had charge of good road construction in Boyd county for several years and that county now has the best system of roads in all Eastern Kentucky. He is a member of the state and national good roads association and an authority who is sought far and wide by road constructionists."

John McDyer, by his energy, skill and judgment, has won for Boyd-co. a distinction not enjoyed by any county of the mountains of Kentucky. That of having good roads. Mr. McDyer is seeking a position in the State Legislature, not because he loves official distinction but because the office will pay him well.

Mr. McDyer is making this race upon a good roads platform, and all good citizens and lovers of good roads, regardless of party affiliation should be brave and rally to the support of Mr. McDyer, and see that he has the support of every good roads man in the county. Won't you do it?

### Visits New Grandson.

Mrs. Guff Wellman is in Ashland today to pay a visit to her new grandson who arrived early this morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Curtis Montague.

This is the second heir to this happy home and both mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Montague is remembered here as Miss Mayme Wellman, a general favorite in Eastern Kentucky elite and one of its most attractive belles.—Independent.

### MARRIED IN IRONTON.

Alfred Conley and Miss Faannie Dixon, of Paintsville, after securing a license in the Ironton Probate court Tuesday, proceeded immediately to Squire Neal's office where they were joined in wedlock.

### GEO. VANHOOSE RESIGNS.

George Vanhooose, State Mine-Inspector for the Eastern district of Kentucky, has resigned to take the management of the Majestic Collieries company, on the Tug river side of Pike-co. The new position carries with it such an advance in salary that Mr. Vanhooose could not afford to reject it. He made an excellent record as inspector. His successor in the latter position is reported to be a Mr. Clere, of Coalton, Boyd-co.

It is somewhat remarkable that Mr. Vanhooose has three brothers who are State mine inspectors in Illinois. They are all sons of M. D. Vanhooose, formerly of Peach Orchard, this county, at one time Representative in the Legislature from this district. Mose has lived in Illinois for many years, but says he wants to and hopes to get back to Kentucky in time to die in his beloved State.

### FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 11, a very delightful entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental music was given at the M. E. Church, this city. There were solos and duets, vocal quartettes, trios, duets and solos. The music was classical and "popular" and was of a high order. The programme was rendered by some of Louisa's best amateur talent and was warmly received. The audience was very large, our people being numerous represented and the institute attending in a body.

### REV. J. W. CRITES.

The Rev. J. W. Crites and family returned Saturday to Louisa. Mr. Crites had been attending the Huntington Conference and his family had been at Charleston. On Sunday Mr. Crites filled the pulpit of the M. E. Church South, his former charge. He and his family expect to leave for his new station, 20th St. church, Huntington Friday.

### ARRESTED AND MARRIED.

Trimble F. Chapman, a young N. and W. fireman was arrested in Portsmouth on Sunday last on a warrant sworn out by Maggie Belcher, this county. He was brought to Louisa for trial on Wednesday, when the parties were married in the court house and the case was, on motion of the attorney for the commonwealth, dismissed.

### INCORPORATED.

The secretary of State has issued a certificate of incorporation to the Cold-Water Timber Company of Huntington, W. Va. The works will be located in Martin-co., Ky. The authorized capital is \$15,000 and the incorporators are A. B. Hyman, S. J. Hyman, W. H. Cunningham, C. A. Comer and C. M. Riehl, all of Huntington, W. Va.

### Mrs. Ragland Was Guest.

On Friday afternoon last Mrs. S. J. Justice entertained four tables of lunch very handsomely in honor of her guest, Mrs. R. H. Ragland, of Lexington. The delicious refreshments offered were varied and seasonable and were greatly enjoyed. The occasion was a very delightful one.

### APPELLATE JUDGE HANNAH.

Judge J. B. Hannah, of the Court of Appeals, was here Wednesday closing up his work and signing orders as Judge of the Lawrence Circuit Court. He received hearty congratulations upon his recent accession to the Appellate bench, and regrets at leaving this circuit were mutual and sincere.

### Example To Be Followed.

Madison county has arranged for a series of Farmers' Chautauques like that recently held in Warren county. The movement should spread. Farmers' Chautauques are good things and there should be a great many of them in Kentucky in the future.

### Miss Borders Returned Home.

Miss Garnet Borders, who was operated upon at Riverview hospital a few weeks ago, has recovered and gone home. She is a daughter of Leander Borders, of Georges creek.

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

### Prominent People Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary.

### Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mayo, of Paintsville, Happily Married for Fifty Years.

The following regarding the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Mayo, of Paintsville, is taken from the Herald, of that place:

Wednesday, the third day of September, 1913, will be remembered as the day on which the Golden Wedding Anniversary was ever celebrated in Paintsville. And it seems peculiarly fitting that just as summer has reached its zenith—when the roses are heavy headed, ready to scatter their petals, the trees about to take on their glorious autumnal colors, the goldenrod is flashing from the dark green sward in the Autumn, the Spring gone, the Summer passed, the Winter not yet here—that a devoted couple who have passed through the Springtime of love, have gone thru the hardships of Summer, who have not yet reached the old age of Winter, and who have together borne the joys and sorrows of fifty years, should at this season of the year stand hand in hand on the pinnacle of their married life, looking back with tears and smiles over the path they had trodden so long together, and turn their faces with happy contented looks toward the golden west and the setting sun.

When it was known that Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Mayo would celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, the hearts of their friends rejoiced for there was no one in the community better loved or more revered, or around whom they would rather gather; and it was indeed a pleasure to be able to take their hands, wish them many more happy years, and tell them how their example, their love and their care had spiritually and materially helped others.

From far and near came the guests, who were graciously received by beautiful, snowy haired, rosy cheeked Mrs. Mayo, gowned in white satin en train, with panels of heavy lace and wearing a diamond bracelet, the gift of her son, Mr. Jno. C. Mayo, who brought it from Europe as a wedding gift to his mother, and a cameo set in hand wrought gold onadally chain, which was the wedding gift of her devoted daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Mayo.

A bride always seems the center of attraction at a wedding, the groom being merely mentioned in the list of guests. But at this golden wedding Mr. Mayo, attired in conventional black, dignified, handsome and cordial, greatly aided and added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Among the guests, welcoming and making each feel his personal pleasure at their presence.

At high noon, to the strains of the Mendelssohn Wedding March, skillfully rendered by the Royal Orchestra of Huntington the bride and groom, followed by the wedding guests, filed into the large dining room, in which was the round bridal table. In the center of the table was a large pyramid of golden dahlias surmounted by a miniature bride and groom, above which from the golden dome of the electrolux swung festoons of gold satin ribbon and green tulle to the edge of the table, where they were caught in dahlia centered rosettes.

At each of the twenty-one plates was a crystal goblet with the monogram in gold L. M. (Leah Mayo), the service being Haviland china with gold band, and the word "M" in the center. The place cards were monogrammed in gold and bore golden cupids, love birds and rings. At each place, besides the hand embroidered napkin, was a yellow tea rose laid across the dainty imported favor, consisting of gold vanity novelties for the ladies and appropriate novelties for the gentlemen. Cut glass candlesticks with gold and green shades, holding yellow candles, cast a soft glow over the table set here and there with golden baskets holding mints and salted almonds.

A most elaborate ten-course dinner was faultlessly and daintily served by kinswomen and friends of the happy married couple, Misses Margaret Auxler, Mary Hager, Geneva Wells, Bessie Huttenlocker, Maxie Williamson and Mrs. Fred Howes, who looked lovely in white with aprons embroidered in yellow, and who wore as badges of honor white satin streamers on which was printed in gold:

"M. & L.  
"1863—1913.  
"Just fifty years ago our troth we plighted.  
May each one here today be as happily united.  
"Wednesday, September Third"

"Closed Season For Squirrels."

The open season for squirrels came to a close on Monday, last the fifteenth, and unless you do so unlawfully you may kill no more of them until November 15.

Game Warden Fulkerson has been the cause of many arrests for unlawful hunting, and he announces his intention of prosecuting to a finish all who violate the game laws in this county.

### REV. S. H. AUUIL.

This minister was in Louisa on Sunday last from Entiat, State of Washington. He was on his way to attend a Baptist Association 20 miles above Pikeville, which meets on the 4th Saturday in September.

## THROUGH THE HILL COUNTRY

### President Crossfield Views Picturesque Scenes and Describes Them.

President R. H. Crossfield, of Transylvania University, Lexington, has recently made a trip through what he very properly calls the "hill country" of Southwestern Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. He writes very interestingly of that picturesque region and its peculiar people, and part of his account of his trip as published in the Lexington Herald is copied into the NEWS as follows:

Leaving Big Stone Gap and coming to Norton, I found that the bee-line to Jenkins, Ky., the next object in my itinerary, lay through the heart of the country made famous by "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," Wise-co., Va., and Letcher county, Ky., were the home of Devil Judd Tolliver, Red Ruff Tolliver, the Fainls and the Red Fox.

Now, were you to ask Mr. Fox about the prototypes of these characters, he would doubtless tell you that his characters were simply the children of his mind and that nowhere did he ever see a being like them and a name. This is undoubtedly true. Certainly no one living or dead answers to all the points of description of any character described in the story; but it would be difficult to disassociate Devil Judd Tolliver and the man who carried my baggage over Bloody Pound Gap, or the Red Fox and the former occupant of the house on the top of the Gap, the chimney of which is still to be seen. So of other major characters, as for example, June Tolliver, the heroine, who was not a Tolliver at all, but whose prototype actually lived in the Mud River country, as the people generally tell you.

Arriving at Wise, we saw the new jail. It is one of the largest country prisons I have anywhere seen indicative of the prime demand for such an institution. The old one described by Mr. Fox proved altogether inadequate. Dismounting at the Pound, on Pound River, as the foot of Cumberland Mountains we found no conveyance to take us over the Gap, but as the road was almost impassable for wheel or hoof, we decided to cover the six miles between that place and Jenkins by foot. Of course, we had heard much of the robberies and murders still being committed on this wild border-mountains, and the unsafety of the journey, especially late in the afternoon and on Saturday evening, when a large per cent of the native population go to the resort of the top of the mountain to get red whisky, and then begin their work of robbery and murder. My companion and I sought the protection of two men, one a nephew of Doc Taylor, the Red Fox of the story, and the other a Mr. Hamilton, both of whom were considered quite reliable.

Once fairly started, we were overtaken by Bad John, spoken of everywhere in the mountains as Devil Judd Tolliver, of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," and his nephew, who bore the same name as John, has to his credit some twenty or more men, they say, and is well known as a man who can aim with precision and hit any sort of a prey—human or otherwise.

But his friendliness and kindness to us placed him in an altogether different light. Could the stories about him be true. Has he really more than fifty children and more than a half dozen wives? I do not know, but this man greatly impressed me, and I am exceedingly favorable.

Just before reaching the top of Bloody Pound Gap, we halted in front of Murderers Rock. Above the place is the old chimney, sole remnant of the home of Doc Taylor, the "yard" doctor and Swenborgian preacher, better known as the Red Fox. Where we stood this cunning, Janus-like figure of the mountains, with a single henchman, shot down the five members of the Mullins family, waylaying them behind the huge rock-fortification. Old Mullins was left until the last, as he was helplessly paralyzed, and could not offer resistance nor make his escape. The whole story is told with remarkable fidelity by the novelist, concluding with the trial and hanging of the Red Fox at Wise, before which event no men had been hanged in that county since the passing through of Daniel Boone, or the coming to our shores of Christopher Columbus. With striking realism Mr. Fox describes the trial and the sermon that the Red Fox delivered on the scaffold. Today in that region many a man believes that this same Red Fox will arise from the grave as he promised to do, and had children are quailed in the night time by the fear of a visit from the spirit of the "yard" doctor and Swenborgian preacher, who was hanged in May, 1892.

On top of the Gap we found a number of men and boys on horseback, afoot, standing hard by a rough shanty containing a real "blind tiger." On the Virginia side only a few paces distant were a number of rough men sitting in the shade, alternately drinking red whisky and throwing a banjo. One of the men connected with the joint called a member of our party aside and asked what he could do for us. He said that he had red whisky, beer and wine, but no moonshine whisky—that was on the road and would be there later.

A bushel of corn, I am told, will make three gallons and a quart of moonshine, while sells for ten dollars. The large profit attached to the business and the ready demand, constitutes a temptation difficult to resist. I was reliably informed that some men, now free and decent had made moonshine all their lives and had never been caught. Others have not been so fortunate.

Leaving the land of John Fox Jr., we came down the mountain to the city of Jenkins, the industrial center of that region. Here the genius of that wizard of industry, Col. John C. Mayo, is everywhere evident. To him more than to all others, is the opening up of this, the richest mineral field in America, to be credited. John C. Mayo is a prophet of the major order, and while he has acquired a large fortune, he has made all Eastern Kentucky rich, and in all my travels in that section, I have yet a single man to find who has anything but words of highest laudation for him. The miners operating the mines of his companies are satisfied and exceedingly loyal. Schools and churches have been made possible by his personal generosity, and the striking contrast of this section to that of Virginia nearby is largely the result of his hand.

Speaking to Mr. Mayo about the demand for his services as Governor, he said to me that he was too busy developing Eastern Kentucky, and making it the country it should be, to accept the office, should it be tendered.